

REMARKS

FIG. 3 has been amended on the enclosed Replacement Sheet, where the left most reference numeral "39" has been changed to "39a". Support for this change is found on page 8, lines 1-2 where the "further valve means 39a" is discussed, but not referenced in the drawings. Thus, this change does not constitute an improper insertion of new matter and is necessary to distinguish between the two valve means.

FIG. 4 has been amended on the enclosed Replacement Sheet, where in the left most cross-section, reference numeral "47" has been changed to "47a". In a review of the drawings and specification, it was discovered that reference numeral 47 had been inadvertently used to refer to both a chamber (please see Section A-A in FIG. 4) and a clean water outlet (please see left most cross-section). To distinguish between the two elements, clean water outlet is now referred to as 47a. No new matter has been added.

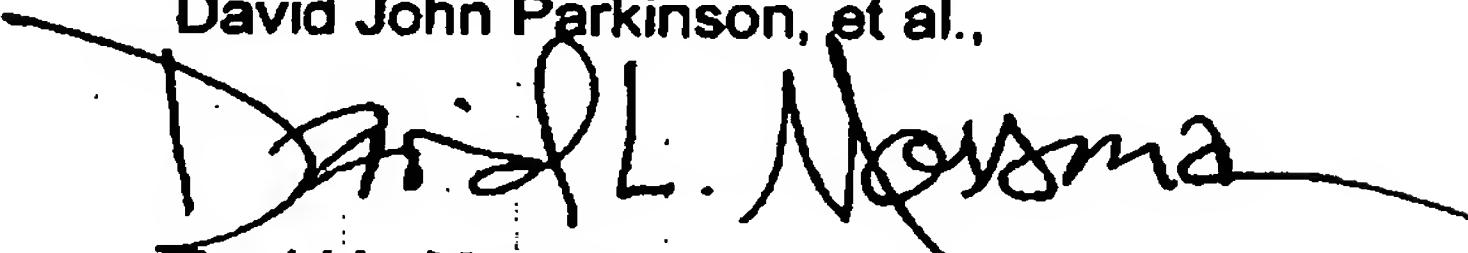
In a review of the specification, a number of inadvertent errors were discovered. On page 8, line 6, reference numeral "23" has been corrected to "22" to be consistent with FIG. 3 and page 9, lines 1 and 8. On page 9, line 5, reference numeral "3" has been corrected to "31" to be consistent with FIG. 3. On page 9, in line 18, "~~support~~ media 11" has been corrected to "media support material 11" to be consistent with page 7, line 34. Also in this line, "clean water outlet" has been given the unique reference numeral "47a" to distinguish it from chamber 47, as previously discussed. Finally on page 9, line 24, the word "material" has been added to "media support material 11" to be consistent with page 7, line 34. No new matter has been added by these clerical corrections to the specification.

Claims 1-13 and 15-21 are pending in the application. Claims 3-7 and 9-13 are amended. Claim 14 is canceled. Claims 15-21 are new. These changes were made to remove multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to U.S. practice only, and to thus place the claims in better condition for consideration and allowance. New claims 15-18 present the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10 in different, alternate language for the Examiner's consideration. New claims 19-21 are method claims corresponding approximately to original apparatus claims 1, 9

and 10 for the Examiner's additional consideration. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the new claims are supported by the application as filed, and that no new matter is added.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and arguments presented above offer the claims in better condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully reminded of his or her duty to indicate allowable subject matter. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number below for any reason, especially any reason that may help advance the prosecution.

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